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1. Terrorism has been intensified in the border areas because of persons escaping into Greece and Serbia.
2. On 16 July 1950 about twenty-five persons from the villages of Gorna Krushitsa and Dolna Krushitsa, together with other refugee families, were arrested as anti-Communists and removed presumably into the interior.
3. On 29 July, Nikola Popov, General Inspector of Government Offices of the Petrich area, deserted.
4. On 26-27 July, Kiril Pashalev Sapundjiev, former commander of the Petrich Militia, deserted. Four months ago he had been stationed in the Plovdiv area. The Militia is searching the Petrich area for Popov and Sapundjiev.
5. There are two infantry battalions at Petrich. They are known by the code name Podolenie 18 and Podolenie 35. There is also a field artillery battery of four guns in this area (more specific location not given).
6. During the first part of June two infantry regiments arrived at Dupnitsa from Sofia.
7. The majority of Bulgarian Army units are massed on the Yugoslav borders. Field problems for this area are being arranged and in the region near the village of Gabrene, mines have been emplaced. The residents fear that they will have to evacuate their village.
8. Headquarters of one unidentified unit of the Border Guard Army is located at Petrich and has the following units:
  - a. One company with headquarters at Topolnitsa and a platoon at Razdak (sic).
  - b. One company at Kolarevo.
  - c. Units at Yavornitsa (sic) and Kamena.
  - d. One company at Gabrene.

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